

EXHIBIT 36

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1 fault detection?

2 A I do not.

3 Q Okay. Let's get right to the patents.

4 Do you have your declaration with you?

5 A I do.

6 Q So I would like you to go to paragraph 37 of

7 your declaration. That paragraph is directed to the

8 '651 patents. Let me know when you're there.

9 A I am here.

10 Q Great.

11 A Go ahead.

12 Q Now, your opinion is that the term "pneumatic

13 cylinder" should be given its plain and ordinary

14 meaning; agreed?

15 A Agreed.

16 Q But in paragraph 41, your opinion is that

17 pneumatic cylinder is the cylindrical device that uses

18 pressurized air or other gas to remove a shaft or rod of

19 the device along a linear path; that is, in a straight

20 line.

21 Can you please clarify for me whether your

22 opinion is that the term "pneumatic cylinder" should be

23 given a plain and ordinary meaning, or that it has

24 another meaning that we just noted in paragraph 41?

25 A Give me one second to review this paragraph 41,

1 the beginning of it.

2 Okay. Now, could you please repeat the
3 question.

4 Q Sure.

5 Can you please clarify for me whether your
6 opinion is that the term "pneumatic cylinder" should be
7 given its plain and ordinary meaning?

8 A Yes. And in this paragraph 41, I say what
9 "plain and ordinary meaning" is.

10 Q Great. And that's exactly what I want to
11 clarify.

12 So your definition of "plain and ordinary
13 meaning" in this instance is that it should mean a
14 cylindrical device that used pressurized air or other
15 gas to move a shaft or rod of the device along a linear
16 path; that is, in a straight line; is that correct?

17 A That is correct, yes.

18 Q Okay. Are you aware that you also construed
19 the same term in the Eastern District of Texas with a
20 definition which is the actuator that uses compressed
21 gas to move a piston inside a cylinder?

22 A I don't see how this definition is different.

23 Q Great. We'll get to it.

24 So you do recognize that you have two sets of
25 definitions for the same term?

1 MR. BOWEN: Objection. Form.

2 THE WITNESS: I do not intend to have different
3 definitions. If the wording is slightly different, it's
4 probably a matter of editing, but the definitions are
5 the same.

6 BY MR. CHAN:

7 Q Okay. Dr. Spanos, have you ever used a
8 pneumatic cylinder?

9 A Have I ever used the pneumatic cylinder? Have
10 I ever used a device that employs one? Absolutely.

11 (Simultaneous colloquy.)

12 THE WITNESS: Could you clarify, please.

13 BY MR. CHAN:

14 Q It's a really straightforward question.
15 Have you ever used a pneumatic cylinder under
16 any circumstances?

17 A Of course. Every time I open the back hatch of
18 my car, there is one there.

19 Q So in your experience, what is a pneumatic
20 cylinder?

21 MR. BOWEN: Objection. Asked and answered.

22 THE WITNESS: It is what my declaration says.

23 A pneumatic cylinder is a cylinder, obviously. And the
24 cylinder contains a piston or a rod, something to be
25 moved by compressed gas. That's what pneumatic

1 cylinders are.

2 BY MR. CHAN:

3 Q Does the cylinder have a housing?

4 A Does the cylinder have a housing? Well, the
5 cylinder itself is a housing. It contains the gas and
6 the rod and so on. Whether it has an outside housing or
7 not maybe depends on the application.

8 Q Okay. Now, you talked about the cylinder is
9 the housing. Now, does the housing have a cap or end
10 cover on each side of the device?

11 A Clearly it has to prevent the gas from leaking.
12 So it has to have some kind of means of doing that.

13 Q Actually, that's my follow-up question.
14 What is the function of a cap other than
15 sealing the gas?

16 MR. BOWEN: Objection. Scope.
17 Go ahead.

18 BY MR. CHAN:

19 Q Okay. Let's be a little bit more specific.
20 That would be helpful for me, if you don't mind.

21 A Which side of the cylinder has the cap, you're
22 talking about?

23 Q Well, a cylinder has a cap and an end cap;
24 right? Or you can interpret it as the end cover. I
25 think there are different ways to call it, whether it's

1 an end cover or cap or end cap.

2 But are you clear as to what I'm referring to?

3 A No, I am not. Please, please, if you can help

4 me some more, I will appreciate it.

5 Q Okay. Do you have Exhibit 22 in front of you?

6 Perhaps this is where I need the court reporter to

7 direct you to Exhibit 22 of the defendant's claim

8 construction brief.

9 (Discussion off the record.)

10 THE WITNESS: I have them in front of me, but I

11 do not know which one is labeled 22. Could you help me

12 with that?

13 MR. CHAN: Yeah. It should be labeled

14 Exhibit 22.

15 THE WITNESS: Okay. I see it. Okay. I have

16 opened it.

17 MR. CHAN: And we'll mark this exhibit as

18 Exhibit Number 1.

19 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 1 was marked.)

20 BY MR. CHAN:

21 Q Let me know when you have that document open.

22 A I have it open on my computer.

23 Q If you can turn to page 86 --

24 A 86.

25 Q -- under the section 5.1.1.

1 A Sorry. 86 in the document, not in the file.

2 Okay. I am page 86, 5.1.1.

3 Q Under section 5.1.1 titled "Construction of

4 Single Acting Cylinder."

5 Do you see?

6 A I see that.

7 Q And it reads:

8 "Generally, a single acting cylinder is made of

9 the following elements, including two end

10 covers. One may be an integral part of the

11 cylindrical tube."

12 Do you see that?

13 A I -- give me one second.

14 Are you reading the first paragraph under the

15 title?

16 Q Correct.

17 A Okay. I see one. Great. Please continue.

18 Q Now, are you aware of those end covers being

19 part of the housing of the cylindrical device that you

20 were just talking about?

21 MR. BOWEN: Objection. Asked and answered.

22 THE WITNESS: Am I aware of them being part of

23 the housing? They're certainly part of the assembly.

24 The definition of a housing might be a little bit vague

25 for me at this point. I see the same -- I see the

1 cross-section that you're pointing out and I see the end
2 covers, and they're certainly part of the assembly. If
3 you want to call them part of the housing, I'm not going
4 to object to that.

5 BY MR. CHAN:

6 Q Okay. But here, the definition says:

7 "Two end covers. One may be an integral part
8 of the" -- excuse me -- "cylinder tube."

9 Do you see that?

10 A I do see that, yes.

11 Q Do you have any reason to dispute that
12 definition for assembly?

13 A No, I don't.

14 Q If you skip a few lines, it also reads:

15 "The end covers are fitted to the body by four
16 cover screws or tie rods."

17 Do you see that as well?

18 A I see that as well.

19 Q Do you have any reason to dispute the
20 statements?

21 A None whatsoever.

22 Q Dr. Spanos, what shape is the cap, generally?

23 (Simultaneous colloquy.)

24 MR. BOWEN: Objection. Scope.

25 Go ahead.

1 THE WITNESS: Well, I mean, certainly it has
2 what you call the cylindrical symmetry. It's a kind of
3 a form that's created by rotation of a surface, if
4 that's what you're asking. One cap has to have a hole
5 to allow the piston to go through it. If I'm reading
6 this correctly, I think No. 7 is a cap here, if I'm
7 reading it correctly.

8 BY MR. CHAN:

9 Q Great.

10 A But please, continue.

11 Q So the question is actually very simple.

12 Is the shape of the cap limited to being
13 cylindrical?

14 A The shape --

15 (Simultaneous colloquy.)

16 MR. BOWEN: Sorry.

17 THE WITNESS: Apologies. I'll give time for
18 objections as we go on.

19 THE COURT REPORTER: I didn't hear the
20 objection, though.

21 MR. BOWEN: Objection. Scope.

22 Thank you.

23 THE WITNESS: I do not know the answer to that.
24 I'm looking at this particular diagram. This particular
25 diagram doesn't tell me otherwise, that the cap might or

1 MR. BOWEN: Go ahead.

2 THE WITNESS: Could you please repeat the
3 question.

4 BY MR. CHAN:

5 Q Sure.

6 In opining on the construction of pneumatic
7 cylinder, did you consider that hybrid pneumatic
8 mechanical cylinders were readily available at the time
9 of the invention?

10 MR. BOWEN: Objection.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, I was aware of that.

12 THE COURT REPORTER: What's the objection?

13 MR. BOWEN: Vague.

14 BY MR. CHAN:

15 Q What are hydraulic cylinders?

16 A Hydraulic cylinders are devices that use
17 compressed liquid, liquid under some pressure, in order
18 to generate some kind of action, motion, typically.

19 Q So it is different than pneumatic cylinder in
20 that it uses liquid instead of air or gas?

21 A Primarily, yes. That's the main difference.

22 Q Could I turn your attention to column 8,
23 line 48.

24 A Yes.

25 Q Now, the inventor describes pneumatic cylinders